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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2015

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast to total 2.14 million tons this year, up from 2.03 million tons produced in 2014, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 510,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, down 10,000 acres from 2014. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.20 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 3.90 tons per acre and the August forecast of 4.20 tons per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2015 is forecast at 63.2 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 3 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.45 tons per acre, up 0.06 ton from August and up 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.3 million acres, unchanged from August, but down less than 1 percent from 2014.

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